rural areas, BSHL under its "Internet Dhaba" scheme provides *one* frey Internet access connection along with 25% discount on the Publce Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) access charges ta the *franhisee* - ■ of Internet Dhalas in the Rural Block Headquarters

DIT has also taken up an initiative for setting up of communil information Centres (CICs) in the hilly, tar-flung areas of the country to socio-economic developments of these regions. CICs are a citizen's Interface for IT enabled e-government services and are provided with VSAT connectivity and computer peripherals.

487 CICs at block level have been set up in the 8 North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim. DIT has set up 116 CICs in Jammu & Kashmir and? CICs in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Insurance scheme for postal department employees

292. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to implement an insurance scheme for the unorganised workers of the postal department;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of unorganised workers who would be benefited ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No Sir There are no unorganised workers in the Department of Posts.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Telecommunication links on Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan

293. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish telecommunication links for better border management, particularly 1040 km long Indo-Pak border, in Rajasthan;